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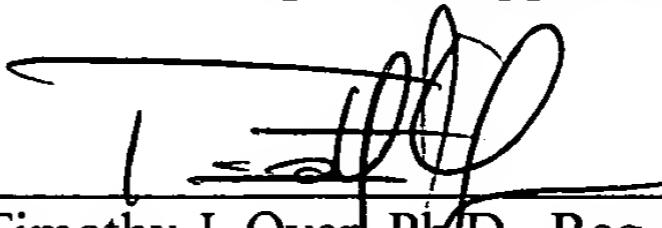
**LETTER TO THE EXAMINER**

Dear Sir:

Applicants appreciate the Notice of Allowance mailed October 20, 2004.

Applicants note that International Patent Publication No. WO 98/18884, which was cited by the Examiner, not by the Applicants, in the parent of the above-identified application, was not cited in an IDS filed in this application. However, pursuant to MPEP §2001.06(b) it is assumed that the Examiner has considered all art cited in the parent and that WO 98/18884 has been considered by the Examiner in allowing the claims in this application. If this is not the case, then the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned immediately to clarify the issue.

Respectfully submitted,  
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